

REMARKS

According to the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bernstein et al. (US Published Application 2001/0039640). Further according to the Office Action, claims 6-14 and 20-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating allowable subject matter of claims 6-14 and 20-28.

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows:

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 14, thereby making claim 1 and dependent claims 2-13 allowable.

Similarly, claim 15 is amended to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 28, thereby making claim 15 and dependent claims 16-27 allowable.

Claims 14 and 28 are canceled without prejudice.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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